

### REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 9, 10, 17, and 18, and to add new claims 21-22.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".

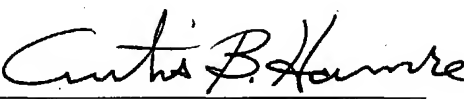
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Curtis B. Hamre (Reg. No. 29,165), at (612) 336.4722.

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9. The method of simulating the movement of cloth, wherein a hysteresis characteristic between the curvature and bending moment is obtained by the means defined in claim 4 [or claim 5].
10. The method as defined in [any one of claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8] claim 1, wherein the deformation unit comprises a plurality of adjacent particles when cloth is modeled as a particle model.
17. The computer-readable medium storing a program which executes a method of simulating the movement of cloth, wherein a hysteresis characteristic between the curvature and bending moment is obtained by the means defined in claim 4 [or claim 5].
18. The medium as defined in [any one of claims 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16] claim 11, wherein said deformation unit comprises a plurality of adjacent particles when the cloth is modeled as a particle model.

